

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

JEFFREY MISHKIN, Individually and on
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA,
INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 4:22-cv-00666

**MOTION FOR EXPEDITED BRIEFING SCHEDULE ON DEFENDANT’S MOTION
TO POSTPONE JOINT PROPOSED SCHEDULING PLAN AND SCHEDULING
CONFERENCE PENDING RESOLUTION OF MOTION TO DISMISS**

Defendant Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (“VWGoA”), by and through its undersigned counsel, and, for its Motion for Expedited Briefing Schedule on Defendant’s Motion to Postpone Joint Proposed Scheduling Plan and Scheduling Conference Pending Resolution of Motion to Dismiss, states as follows:

1. On June 23, 2022, Plaintiff filed his Class Action Complaint (“CAC”) against VWGoA.

2. On September 12, 2022, VWGoA filed its Motion to Dismiss (Doc. 14). Plaintiff filed his opposition on September 26, 2022 (Doc. 18) and VWGoA filed its reply on October 6, 2022 (Doc. 21). The Motion to Dismiss, which has now been fully briefed and submitted to this Court, seeks, *inter alia*, dismissal or transfer of this action pursuant to the first-filed rule because this putative Missouri statewide class action is a “copy-cat” of a putative nationwide class action entitled *Rieger v. Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.*, 21-cv-10546 (D.N.J. 2021), which was commenced more than a year ago, and is currently pending, in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. In addition, VWGoA’s Motion also asserts strong grounds for dismissal

of the CAC under Rules 12(b)(6) and 9(b) for failure to state valid claims for relief against VWGoA.

3. On September 29, 2022, the Court entered an Order Setting Rule 16 Conference, scheduled for October 28, 2022. The Court also ordered the Parties to submit a Joint Proposed Scheduling Plan no later than October 18, 2022.

4. Based upon the circumstances presented, contemporaneously with this Motion, VWGoA filed a Motion to Postpone Joint Proposed Scheduling Plan and Scheduling Conference Pending Resolution of Motion to Dismiss and Memorandum in Support (“Motion to Postpone”).

5. In order to have the Court’s ruling on VWGoA’s Motion to Postpone prior to the October 18, 2022 deadline for Parties to submit a Joint Proposed Scheduling Plan, VWGoA requests the Court to enter an expedited briefing schedule as follows:

- a. Plaintiff’s response due October 12, 2022; and
- b. VWGoA’s reply due October 14, 2022, should it choose to file one.

WHEREFORE, VWGoA respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order expediting the briefing schedule for VWGoA’s Motion to Postpone.

Dated: October 6, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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